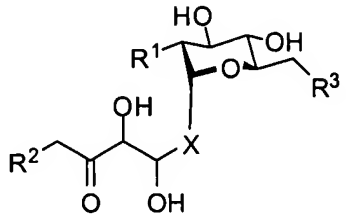
## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

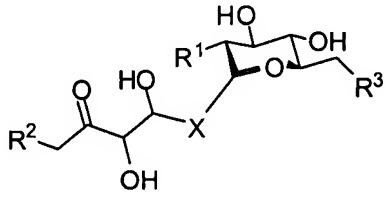
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound having affinity to and/or selectivity for P-selectin and having structure of formula Ia:



or a stereo-isomer thereof represented by the following formula Ib:



wherein:

X ~~is an optional group, which~~ represents -O-, $-OCH_2-$, $-CH_2-$, -S-, $-SCH_2-$, -NH- or $-NHCH_2-$;

$R^1$ represents $QR^4$, wherein Q represents -O-, -NH-, -NH-(C=O)-, -O-(C=O), -NH-(C=O)-O- or -NH-(C=O)-NH-; and wherein $R^4$ represents ~~any substituent comprising at least one carbon atom~~ a linear or branched alkyl or aryl group or a linear or branched aralkyl or alkaryl group;

$R^2$ is a ~~moiety bearing at least one negative charge~~ phosphate, phosphonate, carboxylate, or sulphonate group; and

$R^3$ is ~~any group~~ OH or $YR^5$, wherein Y is -O-, $-CH_2-$ or -NH- and $R^5$ is a linear or branched alkyl or aryl group or a linear or branched aralkyl or alkaryl group.

2. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein X is ~~not present or represents -O-~~ $-OCH_2-$.

3. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Q represents -NH-(C=O)- or -NH-(C=O)-O-.

4. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^2$ is ~~or comprises~~ a phosphate group.

5. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^3$ represents OH ~~or $YR^5$~~, ~~wherein Y is -O-, $-CH_2-$ or -NH- and $R^5$ comprises at least one carbon atom~~.

6. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein $R^4$ ~~comprises an alkyl moiety, an aromatic moiety or a group comprising an electron withdrawing moiety~~ is substituted with a group selected from the group consisting of nitro, -C(O)alkyl, cyano, $-SO_3H$, $-CCl_3$, and $-CF_3$.

7. (Currently amended) The compound according to ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein $R^4$ is a phenyl or naphthalene group.

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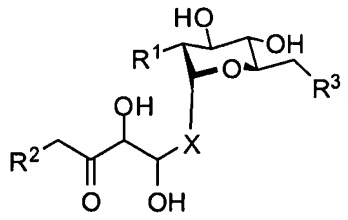
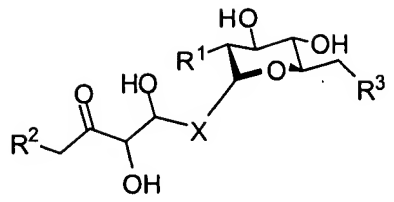
14. (Currently amended) A composition comprising in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier a compound according to claim 1 or a ~~derivative~~, salt~~, conjugate,~~ or solvate~~, or multimer~~ thereof.

15. (Currently amended) A method for determining whether a compound is capable of binding to P-selectin or a functional equivalent or P-selectin, comprising contacting and incubating the compound to be tested and a predetermined amount of a compound having affinity to and/or selectivity for P-selectin, represented by the formula Ia,




or a stereo-isomer thereof represented by the formula Ib,




wherein:

X ~~is an optional group, which~~ represents -O-, -$OCH_2$-, -$CH_2$-, -S-, -$SCH_2$-, -NH- or -$NHCH_2$-;

$R^1$ represents $QR^4$, wherein Q represents -O-, -NH-, -NH-(C=O)-, -O-(C=O), -NH-(C=O)-O- or -NH-(C=O)-NH-; and wherein $R^4$ represents ~~any substituent comprising at least one carbon atom~~ a linear or branched alkyl or aryl group or a linear or branched aralkyl or alkaryl group;

$R^2$ is a ~~moiety bearing at least one negative charge~~ phosphate, phosphonate, carboxylate, or sulphonate group; and

$R^3$ ~~R' can be any group~~ is OH or $YR^5$, wherein Y is -O-, -$CH_2$- or -NH- and $R^5$ is a linear or branched alkyl or aryl group or a linear or branched aralkyl or alkaryl group,

with a predetermined amount of P-selectin or said functional equivalent of P-selectin

and

subsequently determining the amount of the same compound.

16. (Previously presented) A method of treating or inhibiting a disease or condition involving activation and/or overexpression of P-selectin in a mammal inflicted with such a disease, the method comprising administering to the mammal an effective P-selectin inhibiting amount of a composition according to claim 14.

17. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein X represents -$CH_2$-.

18. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein Q represents -NH-(C=O)-.

19. (New) The compound according to claim 1, wherein X represents -$OCH_2$- and Q represents -NH-(C=O)- or -NH-(C=O)-O-.